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Group Art Unit: 2651

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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A TRANSDUCER SLIDER WITH TAPERED EDGES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and make of record the references identified below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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